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NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LAUDS EPA'S ACTIONS ON RODENTICIDE USE; RECENT INITIATIVE FURTHER PROMOTES PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

EPA limitations on certain rodenticides and requirements for tamper-resistant bait stations backed by NPMA

January 30, 2013 (Fairfax, Va.) - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its [intent to cancel the registration of certain do-it-yourself rodent control products](#). The affected products are sold to consumers as loose baits and don't have protective bait stations that prevent access by children and pets. In the works for more than a decade, the cancellation has been under extensive study and review to ensure a final action in the best interest of American public health. In short, the mandate will remove products from the market that pose unacceptable risks to children, pets and wildlife - an effort supported by the [National Pest Management Association](#) (NPMA), an organization committed to the protection of public health, food, and property.

"Rodents pose a significant public health risk. They carry more than 200 human pathogens and rodent droppings are proven asthma triggers in children and adults. Further, rodents are estimated to bite 50,000 people each year," said Bob Rosenberg, executive vice president of NPMA. "The EPA restrictions will prohibit the use of potentially dangerous loose baits and products that pose risks to wildlife when misused by people who are untrained and unlicensed to ensure their safe application, but will reserve the rights for use by professionals when needed. This important decision underscores the need for professionalism in treatment and allows the pest management industry to retain the means for providing effective, affordable services that protect consumers from rodent-borne dangers."

Since 1998, NPMA has worked with the EPA as rodenticide products have undergone considerable reevaluation to ensure that all registered products meet today's health and safety standards. This working relationship has proven beneficial, as it not only

focuses upon protecting public health but also promoting the highest level of professionalism within the pest management industry.

For more information on rodents or to find a local pest professional, visit www.pestworld.org. For more information regarding the EPA and its most recent decision, visit www.epa.gov.

The NPMA, a non-profit organization with more than 7,000 members, was established in 1933 to support the pest management industry's commitment to the protection of public health, food and property.

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